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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, FITCHBURG

Friday, April 22, 1938

Baseball Season To Open Here Saturday

W. A. A. SPONSORS PLAY DAY FOR GIRLS OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Girls from Groton, Lunenburg, Clinton, Townsend, Gardner, Leominster, Fitchburg, and St. Bernard's High Schools will be guests of the Women's Athletic Association of the Teachers College on Tuesday, April 26, when they will take part in a Play Day which is to begin at two o'clock.

The activities which have been planned for the afternoon are varied, and the games to be played are largely individual, such as pingpong, tenniquoit, tennis, and aerial darts. The schedule has been arranged in such a way that it may be adapted to any weather conditions.

Following these games, there will be a lecture-demonstration of the Modern Dance by the sen-

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SUPERINTENDENTS CONFER AT BRIDGEWATER T. C.

At the annual Massachusetts Convention of Superintendents of Schools on April 20, 21st, and 22nd at the State Teachers College at Bridgewater, Fitchburg is being represented by Dr. Herlihy, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Harrington is attending as the delegate of the Massachusetts State Teachers College Association.

Mr. Anthony is sponsoring an exhibit of projects on the morning of the 21st, which time is devoted to discussion of Industrial Arts. These projects were made by Practical Arts students and Junior High Schools of the neighboring cities and towns.

* FRESHMEN FILL INFIELD EXCEPT SECOND BASE HELD BY BERCOME *

Saturday afternoon F. T. C.'s baseball team will act as host to Hyannis Teachers at Clancy Field in the season's opener.

Under the direction of Coach Jeffrey, strenuous practice sessions have been going on for the past month and the team appears to be in good condition for this game, which should attract much interest from the students of the college. Many new faces will be seen in the lineup at this game especially in the infield which is made up of all Freshmen with the exception of second base.

Because of the addition of the new material, a good season

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THE WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Schedule for the week of
Week of April 25th

Monday

3:30—Baseball Practice

Tuesday

11:05—Assembly

12:40—Intra-mural Meeting

12:30—Glee Club

3:30—Baseball Practice

4:00—Girl's Soft Ball

Wednesday

3:00—Girl's Horseshoe Tournament

3:30—Baseball Practice

Thursday

12:40—M.A. Board Meeting

4:00—Girl's Soft Ball

3:30—Baseball Practice

Friday

The Stick is Out

FEDERAL THEATRE LOOKING FOR TALENT

On Thursday, April 14, Mr. Keenan spoke in the small assembly on the Federal Theater. His lecture was enjoyed by several of the English Department classes of the school. As an introduction to his talk, Mr. Keenan discussed the importance of the theater in American life and went on to mention many of the great names of the stage and theater telling amusing anecdotes about them. He mentioned that the Federal Theater was looking for promising young playwrights and was conducting a contest open to college students who have a flair for the dramatic.

The Federal Theater uses few stage properties, depending upon the use of lights and the ability of the players to portray the sto-

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MISS FLORENCE CONLON IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Florence Conlon's pleasant time at the Eastern Arts Convention in Boston had a rather unfortunate ending when her automobile was sideswiped and quite badly damaged. As she was leaving Boston on Saturday, April 9th, a man drove away from the curb where he had parked his car and ran into the side of her car. Miss Conlon was quite badly shaken up, suffering from shock and a strained back, but despite her injuries she was able to drive back to Leominster. It was necessary that she remain in bed for a week to recuperate from her trying experience.

THE STICK



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EDITORIAL NEW T.C. CURRICULUM

Under the new curriculum published last week, there will be no professional courses during the first two years. There will be a compensating increase in cultural subjects. Education courses will be confined to the third and fourth years. Students who do not contemplate entering the teaching profession will no longer be discouraged from matriculating here.

The new schedule, effective with next September's entering class, will add to the function of the Teachers College a second aim: the provision of two years of liberal arts education comparable to that offered by the Junior College.

The system is not unique in Massachusetts, as several other states have been offering junior college programs in their teachers colleges for a number of years.

ROBERT FROST

About one-half of the student body, according to an unofficial report, intends to hear Robert Frost, May 9, at the State Teachers College Auditorium. Approximately three quarters of the entire set of tickets put on sale to the general public have been

THE ASH TRAY

Bud Gearin

In these days when the world tax is like a Bogey man, any discussion on tax and taxes should find a very responsive audience.

I hear that the boys in Boston are talking about a sales tax similar to New York's. That is, two cents on the dollar. It might not be so noticeable when you pay a penny extra for your sundae or malted, but suppose you wanted to buy an auto or something. (Just suppose.)

If a study were made to determine why people get gray hair before their time, the answer would no doubt be tax. All I can say for us poor suckers who have to pay four cents on a gallon of gas, is thank the Lord that we have the four cents.

It might be classed as an educational procedure to observe how different people meet this evil. Some pull their hair out, some froth at the mouth, perhaps most give off steam by writing or talking. Evidently the person who wrote the following must have been a student of literature at one time or another, for he has a world of meaning in a few modest lines, entitled:

Hymn of Hate

I'd like to use a baseball bat
Or better still a good sharp axe,
On congressmen who dare to vote
For anything that means more
tax!

Meanwhile, let's recall a bit which first appeared some years ago in a publication called Benet's News, and which purports to be from a man in Oklahoma to his banker who wanted him to pay something on his note

sold. This means that there is still an opportunity for college students to purchase tickets in case they desire to.

BASEBALL—

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seems quite probable.

Captain Harry Moore

Probable lineup for the game:

Catcher	E. Harvey
Pitcher	Bresnahan, Sullivan
First Base	G. Berry
Second Base	C. Bercume
Short Stop	A. Lanza
Third Base	C. Smith
Left Field	Moore (Capt.)
Center Field	S. English
Right Field	Hulbert, Vorse

which the bank was unfortunate enough to hold. Here it is:

"It is impossible for me to send you a check in response to your request. My present financial condition is due to the effects of federal laws, state laws, county laws, corporation laws, by-laws, brother-in-laws, mother-in-laws, and outlaws that have been foisted on an unsuspecting public. Through the various laws I have been held down, held up, walked on, sat on, flattened, and squeezed until I do not know where I am.

"These laws compel me to pay a merchant's tax, capitol stock tax, income tax, real estate tax, property tax, automobile tax, gas tax, water tax, light tax, cigar tax, street tax, school tax, syntax, and carpet tax.

"The government has so governed my business that I do not know who owns it. I am suspected, inspected, disrespected, examined, re-examined, until all I know is that I am supplicated for money for every known need and desire of the human race, and because I refuse to fall and go out and beg, borrow, or steal money to give away, I am cussed and discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, held down, and robbed until I am nearly ruined; so that the only reason that I am clinging to life is to see what the Heck is coming next."

SIDE LIGHTS OF THE N. Y. CONFERENCE

We left F. T. C. at 9:15 minus O'Sheasy but plus one bull fiddle belonging to Dot Dolan. Picked Ed up outside the Auditorium where he had camped since 8:00 o'clock.

Ate dinner at Ligget's in New Haven. Hamburg fifteen cents. Jim insulted a cute little girl sitting next to him so she moved herself and her sandwich to a table. He never could explain himself.

Entered New York at 4:00 P.M. The main points of interest were —

The cables of the George Washington Bridge,
Grants Tomb.

A double decker bus with an engine in the rear which we believe drove the upper deck.

Broadway Hofbrau for supper. Raw chicken to the tune of "Stormy Weather," also a cigarette girl who had everything but a voice. Ask Andy?

Next the Radio City Music Hall featuring Marco Polo, The Ballet, and the Rockettes. The Ballet presented a beautiful Easter tableau which was almost beyond description. After the show a sandwich at the Metropole. Next time you go to New York don't fail to eat at the Metropole. Mr. Carpenter will be glad to give his Rural Education class the address.

Speaking of Mr. Carpenter he was a great sponsor. The best. We suggest, girls, that you invite him next year.

10:00 A.M. Friday Conference —you'll hear about that later. Dinner at the Metropole.

In the afternoon a visit to Radio City, The Hall of Science, and the broadcasting studios.

Friday night, the Banquet Hall and Norman Thomas' speech. (Down with the present system) Excellent speaker, magnetic personality, good jokes.

At eleven o'clock we went to the Casa Manana on seventh avenue. One dollar and a half for a hamburger. Fifty cents for a cup of coffee. Practically three dollars apiece before we got out. The stage show was well worth the price. The features were,—

Abe Lyman's Orchestra
Miss Anatomy by Dr. Rockwell

Sally
Morton Downey
P. A. Man's Paradise.
For details consult delegates.

Saturday Morning Review of Conferences.

Saturday noon we ate dinner at the Hotel Taft. This was our best meal. George Hall's orchestra played and we think it is the best in New York. His singer was Dolly Dawn who autographed an absent card for Jim. She certainly has a voice.

Saturday afternoon we were going to the Planetarium but never got there because we watched the Army Parade led by The Esso Band.

(Andy and Mac had a punning good time. Andy hated to spend his dime on rattletrap busses. Jim had a mania for getting us lost and following inebriates, the little boy was a nuisance. Ed's singing and poetry was astounding. Ed and Jim got stuck Saturday night with a couple of nice girls Jim knew.)

The Saturday night swing club was O.K. The new spring hit will be "ooooOOO—H! BOOM!!"

Guy Lombardo was at the Paramount with Ella Logan. The latter is now a personal friend of O'Sheasy's.

We left New York at eleven Sunday Morning and arrived home at seven P.M.

Three cheers for Mr. Carpenter.

The outstanding attraction at the banquet was Heigh Ho from Coal Black and the Seven Clinkers played by the Newark Swing Band.

EPSILON PI TAU PRESENTS FILM ON CHEMISTRY

"The Wonder World of Chemistry" the new talking motion picture which shows scenes in duPont chemical plants and laboratories never before record for public view, will be featured on the EPSILON PI TAU assembly program, April 28.

It seems a long leap from colors, but that is only one of the chemical hurdles which the fast moving picture "The Wonder World of Chemistry" takes in its stride.

Henry Lambert, a member of this organization, will play several selections on the violin and will be accompanied at the piano by Miss Ellen Dormin.

BOOKS ON WAR ARE BELLIGERENT PROPAGANDA

To be serious for a moment: In a recent book on English composition, we came across this thought-arousing series of statements, used to illustrate some point or other: "Books on war are in fact belligerent propaganda, no matter how ugly they make battle. There is such a thing as the fascination of things not lovely. Our eyes will come back again and again, not to be the most beautiful, but to the most overwhelmingly homely person in the room. And so with national hostilities and horrors." It follows, then, that our Remarques, our Humphrey Cobbs, and Philip Gibbses, while being the most violent attackers of war, with their pages of blood and putrescent flesh, are, at the same time, its most active impressarios. Well, it throws a new slant on the messy business.

Oh, speak no more of swords and clashing steel,
But walk with me through woods and feel
And see God's green love everywhere—
And know that man and man's His every care.

DR. VAN WALKENBURG GIVES LECTURE

Last Thursday, April 14, at the assembly sponsored by the faculty, Dr. Samuel Van Walkenburg of Clark University spoke on "Europe, its problems and its future."

Applying the human qualities of youth, adolescence, maturity, and old age to the countries in Europe. Dr. Van Walkenburg showed the age-groups and their ramifications. He began with the youthful nations, that is, countries born of the Versailles treaty. These countries are those bordering the east Baltic coast, Poland, and these nations south through the Balkans. Dr. Van Walkenburg in speaking of these countries born on the "wings of democracy" at the end of the war, said that they were not ready for democracy. These nations, he said, were too young and immature as yet to have an efficient, and capable form of democratic government.

They have also been in constant danger from the "adolescent" countries.

The adolescent countries which Van Walkenburg next described are rather familiar to the American public. They are Germany and Italy. Comparing these countries with the dynamic, idealistic, rash, and ebullient adolescents of the human race, he stressed their danger to world peace.

Van Walkenburg then mentioned the mature countries: England, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, and the Scandinavian countries. Comparing these countries with the middle-age stage of mankind.

Last of all, the countries suffering from old age were discussed. These include Spain, Portugal, and old Austria. The process of disintegration has resulted in a lack of defense. Outside countries

have walked in without the least sign of belligerency on the part of nations invaded.

Van Walkenburg, a native of Holland, a doctor of philosophy, a scholar of eminence in the field of geography and its related subjects, and one who has travelled the world over in his research work, spoke with a decided Dutch accent. This accent, delightful in the extreme, plus his poise and affability, made his points reach home without the usual pedagogical methods of men of his eminence.

He is the major author of the text used by Miss Webster in her class on European geography. He is at present working on an introductory text to Political Geography. Mr. Donoghue of the faculty introduced the speaker.

SOPHOMORES RETURN FROM MAINE VISIT

Although unable to carry out the proposed program, the six Sophomore P.A. men visited Maine returned with ideas and thoughts that covered many fields.

Thursday evening was spent at the homes of Burley Loveitt and Sargent Stanley. Friday morning found the men at the South Portland High School where they interviewed both the students and instructors in the Practical Arts Department. In the afternoon they surveyed the Industrial Arts Department of the Portland High School where an interesting setup was found. Each instructor welcomed the men and expressed their interpretation of their course and gave many problems that they have confronted while in the shop. Questions asked by the group were answered with enthusiasm, some favoring ideas more than others. However logical arguments were given by the majority of instructors.

Friday evening saw the men

in an electrical power plant valued at two million dollars. Here the guide explained the operation of the machines and what type of system was being used.

Saturday took the group deeper into the Maine territory where they stopped at Bowdoin College to be met by an unexpected host, Bob Harrington who showed them around the beautiful campus. Their next stop was at the Hyde Windlass Co. and it was here that the men spent five hours inspecting the various departments of the company. A guide explained the activities and answered all types of questions. In the afternoon the launching of the U.S.S. Sampson was witnessed at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.

Each member of the group enjoyed a different type of socializing at the various "high-light" spots of Portland. The trip home found the men discussing the fact that there was plenty of opportunity to improve industrial conditions through better teaching of Industrial Arts.

WAGNER BROADCAST PREPARED BY B. ROTH

A dramatization of the life of Richard Wagner, famed operatic composer, conceived and written by Bernhard Roth will be presented over station WHDH on Sunday, April 24th between 1:30 and 2 o'clock. The program will be one of a series produced by the Leland Powers School, and is under the direction of George V. Brown, head of the radio department.

Those who are familiar with the beauty of Wagner's music, should be interested in the dramatic sweep of his life, beginning as it did, in the hectic last days of Napoleon I, and ending poignantly in an Italian villa.

The author will play the part of Wagner in the presentation.

**BASEBALL
SEASON OPENS**

SPORT PAGE

**HYANNIS HERE
TOMORROW**

TENNIS SITUATION

With the warm days of Spring beckoning our attentions to the out-of-doors, we find our thoughts centered on the possibilities of improvement of our immediate surroundings.

As we sat looking out of the windows of the library this afternoon, at the inner campus, to where a group of tennis enthusiasts had gathered for a game on the one court that is suitable for use, we couldn't help thinking of two regretable conditions. First, that more of the students who were patiently waiting for the use of this single court couldn't be accommodated; and secondly, that the inconsistently arranged courts that now exist had to disfigure what could be a most attractive inner campus.

To argue the value of tennis to the school is needless. This very popular sport has already proved its worth on every college campus. It serves the novice as well as the skilled, the men as well as the women. How could a sport be more impartial?

A school often gives its first impression to outsiders by its visible equipment. It is only natural that we are perhaps embarrassed when we show them where we play tennis.

Looking about for a suitable location for new courts we find an ideal spot in the present play ground across the street from the Practical Arts Building. Very little would have to be done to the land to make a suitable foundation for the courts, and with a high backstop on the street side the area would be well confined.

This article voices a need which we believe of great importance to the school. Should we be favored with the addition of tennis courts, it will be because

many others in the student body show their interest by voicing their opinions.

—T. Pettee



APPEAL FOR RUNNERS

Coach Lacouture makes an appeal to all potential athletes to come out for track. Although it is not a varsity sport he feels sure that one can derive as much enjoyment from running this year as last. If enough interest is shown we can field a formidable team and will not be lacking in competition as four meets have been arranged on a tentative schedule. Experience is not necessary and, although you may never have run or participated in field events before, you can quickly learn if you have determination and a competitive spirit.

A team will be picked to represent the school in the annual New England Teachers College Conference meet, which will be held at Salem Teachers College May 21. So lets have a large group of candidates out on Monday, April 18.

The schedule:

- Assumption May 10
- Bridgewater May 14
- N. E. T. C. May 21

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

A horseshoe doubles tournament, in which the partners must be from the same color team,

will be conducted by Mary Hanifan during the next few weeks. Although horseshoe demands only mild exercise, the skill and accuracy required promise to make the matches keen and interesting. Nearing the end of the women's athletic season, all three teams will be anxious to gain points toward winning the shield.

VOLLEYBALL

The second round of the volleyball color tournament was played on Thursday, April 14th, in the gym. The White first team defeated the Black first team 23—18; the first Black team downed the first Orange team 18—7; and the second White team overcame the second Orange team 11—7. These outcomes have entirely reversed the results of the games played during the first round which necessitates a third round for all teams except the second Black team.

PLAY DAY—

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iors in Miss Bolger's Modern Dance class. This will take place in the assembly hall.

The conclusion of the afternoon events will take place in Miller Recreation Hall where the high school visitors will be served tea.

The Play Day has been planned by Elinore Scully, President of the W. A. A., Flo Lovell, general chairman, and a committee made up of the W. A. A. Board members, who will act as hostesses to the visitors.

It is hoped that this undertaking will not only familiarize the high school girls with the athletic program of the College but that it will also give them an insight into many phases of college life.

Campus Chatter

Your most humble correspondent, Ima Nutt, would like to know:

Do Worsley and Mavis climb up that hill to take pictures every day?

Does it take a little competition to wake C. Bercume up?

Is Lois losing her hold or should I ask H. Moore if he likes Salem products?

What J. Warren is going to do with that trailer in Ashburnham? Are you getting too big for the dog house, Joe?

What would R. Boyce do if they didn't send mail as far south as New Bedford.

Why V. Corliss doesn't get smart and give campus boys a chance.

What has G. King that the rest of the boys haven't? It's really getting bad when he's asked to gigolo for A. Hyland and her "roomy" on Saturday nites and refuses.....maybe they don't use the right technique.

Has Chet Smith forsaken the Fitchburg gals for Brockton?

Why those faithful baseball widows braving the April winds to keep up the morale of the boys don't get letters, too.

If J. Bresnahan is giving each member of the "Big Six" a break.

Was that Mary L. with R. Lowe in the P. A. building afternoons?

A gentleman is a fellow who steps on his cigarette so it won't burn the carpet.

Finger tip descriptions:

Unruffled loveliness	D. Dolan
Freshman clown	L. Wennerburg
Wily reticence	C. Hanson
Sophisticated colleen	A. Mohlogan
Joe college smoothy	A. Bracquier
The human chatterbox	S. Waris
Fiery whirlwind	R. Kasper
Short and sweet (to some)	President's list
Un sophistication	D. Sears
Bouncing ball of effervescence	B. O'Donnell

Patience personified Commuting students waiting while their drivers say good nite to the ones, now that Spring is here.

NEW YORK DELEGATES TO PRESENT REPORT

The delegates to the New York Conference on April 11 will shortly submit their report on the conference. They attended the following conferences on Social Program, Blanket Tax, Guidance in Teacher Education, Student Forums, Building College Moral, Special Assemblies, Scholarship and Extra Class Activities, Intra-Murals, Curricula Changes and Rural Education.

As a group they attended the meeting on Saturday morning at which was given a summary of the panel discussions so that all present could benefit by the work of all the groups.

Lowell Thomas, news commentator, and Mr. Butterworth, commissioner of education for Connecticut, were the speakers at the major assembly of the conference on Friday evening.

FEDERAL THEATRE—

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ry. Ninety per cent of the earnings of the organization are paid out for salaries of the actors and only 10 per cent go for administration expenses.

The purpose of the Federal Theater is to give unemployed actors a chance to bring pleasure to those in pain and need and to provide them with the work for which they have trained. Mr. Keenan's lecture was punctuated with his own enthusiasm for the theater and his poised, convincing manner made the lecture a most worthwhile and interesting one.

Who was it that said:

It's a great life if you don't weekend; but it's a better life if you do.

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READING SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

Superintendent Pierce of Reading, will be the guest speaker at the assembly next Tuesday.

Previous to his appointment as superintendent at Reading, Mr. Pierce served as a principal in a Brookline school and superintendent of the Southbridge school system.

It is interesting to note that the following graduates of this institution are teaching in the Reading schools: Rodney McDonald, a Practical Arts man; Ruth Montgomery, an elementary



graduate; and Barbara Whitmore of last year's graduating class.

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